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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

KRISTEN GARCIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

EMBARQ MANAGEMENT COMPANY
d/b/a CENTURY LINK
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.; DOES 1-10;
ROE CORPORATIONS/ENTITIES 1-10,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:16-cv-00126

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

COME NOW Defendant, Embarq Management Company (“Embarq” or “Defendant”)¹,
and Plaintiff, Kristen Garcia, (collectively the “Parties”) by and through their respective
counsel, and hereby submit to the Court the following Stipulated Protective Order pursuant to
Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c):

Upon a showing of good cause in support of the entry of a protective order to protect the
discovery and dissemination of confidential information or information which will improperly

¹ CenturyLink Communications LLC is not a d/b/a for Embarq Management Company. CenturyLink Communications, LLC is a separate legal entity, has not been served, and is not a proper defendant in this case because it was not Plaintiff’s employer.

1 annoy, embarrass, or oppress any party, witness, or person providing discovery in this case,

2 IT IS ORDERED:

3 1. This Protective Order may apply to all documents, materials, and information,
4 including without limitation: documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things
5 disclosed, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admission,
6 deposition testimony, and other information disclosed pursuant to the disclosure or discovery
7 duties created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
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9 2. As used in this Protective Order, “document” is defined as provided in Fed. R.
10 Civ. P. 34. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

11 3. Information designated “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information that is
12 confidential and implicates common law and statutory privacy interests involving personnel,
13 medical, business, financial or proprietary information of the parties. Documents may only be
14 designated CONFIDENTIAL by a party who is directing the confidentiality designation in good
15 faith after review of the document in the sincere belief that such documents meet the definition of
16 CONFIDENTIAL.
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18 4. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and/or information (collectively
19 “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or
20 further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

- 21 (a) Attorneys actively working on this case;
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23 (b) The parties, including designated representatives of the parties; and,
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25 (c) Witnesses and deponents, to the extent such disclosure is appropriate for
preparation, trial, or other proceedings in this case.

26 5. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed in 4(c)
27 above, counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from
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1 such person their agreement to abide by such Protective Order.

2 6. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing on them (in a manner
3 that will not interfere with their legibility) the following or other appropriate notice:

4 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

5 7. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information,
6 the deposition or portion thereof, shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to
7 the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the
8 deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as
9 CONFIDENTIAL after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly given
10 to all counsel of record within twenty (20) business days after notice by the court reporter of the
11 completion of the transcript.
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13 8. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL information
14 by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information. The written notice
15 shall identify the information to which the objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the
16 objection within ten (10) business days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the
17 obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate
18 motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to
19 the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall
20 be treated as CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on
21 the motion. If the designating party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the
22 disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be
23 treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a
24 motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall
25 bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as
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1 CONFIDENTIAL.

2 9. By agreeing to the entry of this Protective Order, the Parties adopt no position as
3 to the authenticity or admissibility of documents produced subject to it.

4 10. Use of Confidential Information in Court Proceedings: In the event Confidential
5 Information is used in any court filing or proceeding in this action, including but not limited to its
6 use at trial, it shall not lose its confidential status as between the parties through such use.
7 Confidential Information and pleadings or briefs quoting or discussing Confidential Information
8 will not be accepted for filing “under seal” or otherwise kept out of the public record in this
9 action, however, except by court order issued upon motion of the party seeking to file the
10 documents under seal. Any motion requesting leave to file documents under seal shall comply
11 with the requirements of LR 10-5.
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13 11. After, the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each
14 document and all copies of thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall be
15 returned to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL, or the parties may elect to destroy
16 CONFIDENTIAL documents. Where the parties agree to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents,
17 the destroying party shall provide all parties with an affidavit confirming the destruction upon
18 written request of any other party.
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20 12. Nothing in this Protective Order shall preclude any Party from filing a motion
21 seeking further or different protection from the Court under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of
22 Civil Procedure, or from filing a motion with respect to the manner in which Confidential
23 Information shall be treated at trial.
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13. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:

DATED this ____ day of May, 2016.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: 5-16-2016